Application No.: 10/679,565

Amendment to Office Action dated March 29, 2007

Inventor: WALKER, Bradley K. Docket No. 15078.10001

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present Application in veiew of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

This amendment adds, changes, and deletes claims in this Application. A detailed listing of claims that are, or were, in the Application, irrespective of whether claims remain under examination in the Application is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

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Status of the Claims

Claims 77-81 are being cancelled.

Claims 31-36 are currently amended.

Claims 31-39, are now pending in this Application.

Claim Rejections and Objections

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 30-35, and 71-81 were objected and rejected under one or more of 35 U.S.C §§ 102, 103 and 112. This was confusing to Applicant as only claims 31-39 and 77-81 were pending in the application and the coversheet of the office action indicated that claims 31-39 were allowed and 77-81 were rejected. Accordingly, the undersigned representative contacted Examiner Le Nguyen on or about March 4, 2008, for clarification. Examiner Nguyen indicated on the phone call that the text of the office action was incorrect and that, in fact, claims 31-39 were allowed. Based on this, the undersigned representative asked that a corrected action be mailed, but none has been received.

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Acting in good faith, and on reliance of the Examiner's representations, Applicant hereby cancels, without prejudice, claims 77-81. Accordingly, upon entry of this amendment, only the claims indicated as allowed remain pending. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objections and rejections to the claims and presents claims 31-39 for favorable reconsideration and allowance.

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits the claims are in condition for formal allowance which is courteously solicited. If any issue regarding the allowability of any of the pending claims in the present application could be readily resolved, or if other action could be taken to further advance this application such as an Examiner's amendment, or if the Examiner should have any questions regarding the present amendment, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner please telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney in this regard. Should any fees be necessitated by this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct such fees from Deposit Account No. 11-0160.

Respectfully submitted,

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